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Applicant : Richard M. BANKS, *et al.*
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Examiner : Not yet assigned

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

Dear Sir:

A Notice of Incomplete reply dated September 29, 2004 was received by the undersigned. The Notice indicates that replacement drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 are required because the drawings submitted have a line quality that is too light to be reproduced or text that is illegible, specifically Figures 6 and 7. Withdrawal of this requirement is respectfully requested because each figure, as originally filed, is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. It is believed that the line quality and legibility of the text is diminished once the Office scans in the figures. A copy of Figures 6 and 7 as originally filed on April 23, 2004 are attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized, without waiver on part of applicants, to charge any amount deemed due or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 19-2112** (referencing Attorney Docket No. MFCP.110969).

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 29, 2004

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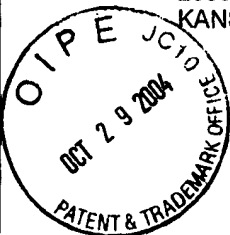
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Response Due 10/30/04
NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL) (2nd Ext)

Filing Date Granted

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 08/30/2004 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 06/30/2004 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application. Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - The drawings have a line quality that is too light to be reproduced (weight of all lines and letters must be heavy enough to permit adequate reproduction) or text that is illegible (reference characters, sheet numbers, and view numbers must be plain and legible) see 37 CFR 1.84(l) and (p)(1)); See Figure(s) 6 & 7.

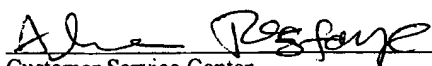
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